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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Nielsen et al.	) )
Serial No. 10/017,789	) Examiner Patricia Bianco ) ) Group Art Unit No. 3762 )
Filing Date: December 13, 2001	
For MEDICAL PUNCTURING DEVICE	).
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## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 21, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (b).

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